

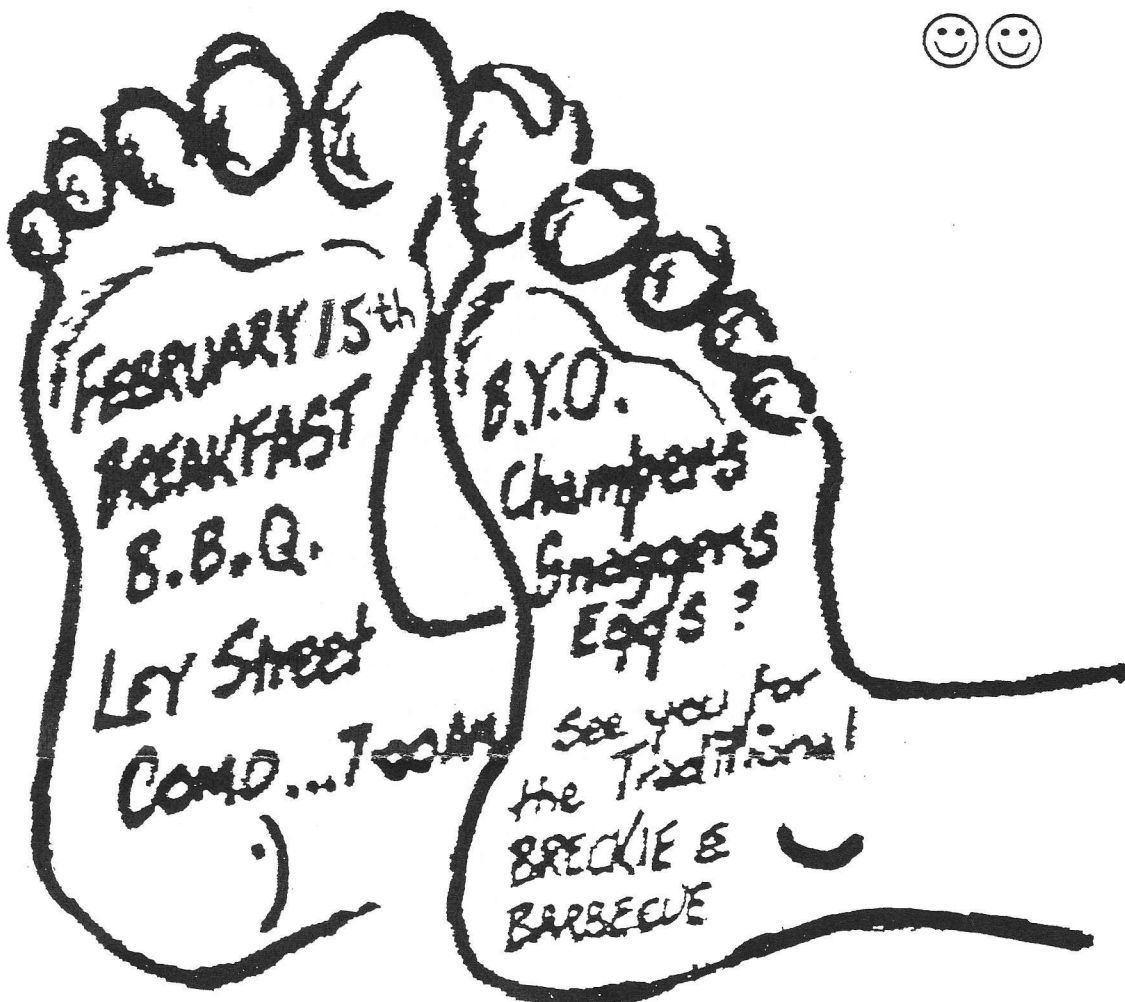
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Official Newsletter of the
MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INC

SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!!



Next Run/Meeting: Sunday 15th February, 2004
Place: McDougall Park, Como Time: 7.00am

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SUNDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY, 2004

BREAKFAST BBQ

Early morning meeting, beat the heat
bring your eggs & bacon for breakfast at 7.00am
followed by the meeting
McDougall Park, Ley St. Como

SUNDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 2004

AVON VALLEY VINTAGE VEHICLE ASSOC SWAP MEET

Henry Street Oval, Northam
Gate opens: Sellers 6.00am Buyers 7.00am
Sites \$6 ea Buyers \$2.50 per person
Enquiries to Rex Downie [REDACTED] Toodyay Ph: [REDACTED]

18th MODEL A FORD NATIONAL MEET

8th - 13th April 2004
Perth, Western Australia
Information available from Toni Mahony or website
<http://drive.to/marcwa>
Entries have closed, your meal & t-shirt form to be in
at the latest 10th February to
[REDACTED] Bedford WA 6052

MAFCA NATIONAL CONVENTION

PORTLAND OREGON

11-16 July, 2004
Hosted by: The Beaver Chapter &
The Northwest Regional Group

7TH NATIONAL MODEL A RALLY 2005

HAWKES BAY, NEW ZEALAND

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB OF
W.A. (INC) MANNERS HILL PARK 25TH JANUARY 04**

Meeting opened: 12.35pm Peter Sartori in the chair.

Everybody welcomed with 48 members and 2 visitors in attendance. Details as per the attendance book.

Presentation: The president introduced two representatives from Red Line Products, Tim Scalia Director and Bob Turnbull, agent in Queensland. A very comprehensive talk followed covering the following products: Water Wetter Coolant, Lead Substitute, Shock Proof Oils, SI complete Fuel System Cleaner, High Performance Engine Oils, Bearing Grease and Assembly Lubricant. Information packages on these products were handed out to most members. After the 45 minute presentation the gentlemen were thanked for their efforts.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Accepted as read

Moved Peter Gilberthorpe Seconded Bob Newton

Correspondence In: Details of antivirus software from Systems Antivirus, 2004 prospectus from the Perth Motor Show (Auto Expo) for entries, Ridgetop Gardens in Bindoon promoting their function centre for car rallies, Financial member status for member, Jeannane Richards, Letter to Famous Classic Car Insurance cancelling our Public Liability policy. Advice from the Brookton Old Time Motor Show Committee that this year a \$11 entry fee will apply to all participants, Minutes of the general meeting (15.12.04) of the Council of Motor Clubs, Circular from the Fremantle Motor Museum promoting the facility, Minutes of Directors Meeting (5.12.03) of MAFCA, Copy of the Model A news from the ACT.

Correspondence Out: Application for Public Liability policy via the Council of Motoring Clubs.

Accepted: Moved Peter Gilberthorpe Seconded Elaine Gilberthorpe

Treasurers Report:

Balance as at the 30/11/03		1258.69
Income		
Subscriptions	\$170.00	
Badges & regalia	100.10	
Christmas function	165.00	
Newsletter advertising	100.00	
Reimbursement from national rally a/c	2000.00	2535.10
		3793.79
Expenditure		
Christmas function	916.00	
Photocopier	51.95	
Bank fees	9.40	977.35

Balance as at 31/12/03

Bank West A/c	\$2816.44
ANZ Term deposit	7503.41
Petty Cash on hand	.32

Financial report be accepted: Moved Pat Bussard Seconded Max Annear

2004 National Rally Report: Ray Mahony reminded members that there is only 11 weeks to the rally and whilst all activities and work required is being attended to some additional assistance will be needed from members. Including the Americans we now have 153 entries.

The concert evening, organised by John Timmings, is underway, however some people are still required and John should be contacted to offer assistance.

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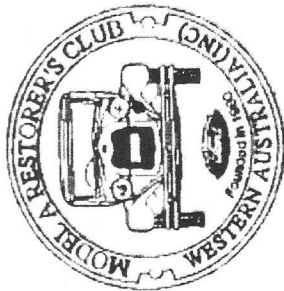
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Model A Restorers Club of Western Australia, Inc

BUSINESS PLAN

GENERAL OUTLOOK

and SWOT ANALYSIS

Bevan – January, 2004

Background

+ The Model A Restorers Club was formed in 1980 and subsequently Incorporated.

+ The club has a strong core of regular, enthusiastic and supportive members, representing about 25% of the total membership (this is possibly a representative average for a club of any type). Other members take part in some runs and/or participate in major events. About 30% of the membership lives in country areas.

+ The club's objective is to foster the restoration of Model A Fords, to assist members in achieving this aim and to provide support to keep these vintage motor vehicles on the road. This is achieved in a friendly, social atmosphere.

+ The soul of the club is the practice of combining monthly meetings with a run (organised by a different member each month) to various locations around the Perth metropolitan area. The club does not hold evening meetings separate from the regular runs and this is conducive to the friendly camaraderie enjoyed by the members, spouses and families.

+ Additional special events are also organised by members – including an annual Easter run, the Wildflower Tour and a Christmas dinner. + Every twelve years the club hosts the biennial Australian Model A Ford National Meet on behalf of all Model A clubs in Australia.

+ The club members willingly assist each other with advice on restorations and repairs and locating parts for these endeavours.

+ The club takes safety seriously and holds an annual inspection of all club vehicles to ensure that they are safe and roadworthy.

+ The club has the responsibility to pass cars for special licenses so they can participate in club runs.

+ Successive club editors have produced an entertaining and informative monthly club newsletter, on a club-owned photocopier.

+ The club also has a library of Model A related books for the use of all members.

+ The club's identity is reinforced with club tee-shirts, plus lapel and car badges.

+ The club is a member of the Council of Motoring Clubs in Western Australia and is a chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America.

The Present

+ The club currently has some 85 members – down from around 100 in 1992 (which was achieved from a base of around 50 members in 1990). As this Plan is being compiled, three new members have joined the club.

+ The club currently has a relatively healthy bank balance of approximately \$12,000 (from just \$611 in 1988).

+ Annual subscription is \$25 per member and \$20 for country members (including spouse and family).

The Future

- + The club's membership is aging (currently, at a rough guess: averaging about 62 years of age) and there are few younger members. This aging situation is apparently common among most car clubs. This will, eventually, have a significant effect by reducing total memberships.
- + If the public profile of the club was lifted it could attract more members – the strong showing at the 2003 All Ford Day attracted new members, which may not have happened if only a few cars were on show. Media mention in newspaper diaries of regular runs and coverage of prominent events such as special runs and the National Meets could have a similar effect.
- + Club members have often discussed the ramifications of stipulating in the Constitution that members must participate in a minimum number of runs/events in order to be a member and enjoy the privilege of, for instance, a free Safety Inspection to gain a Concessional Licence. The concept has some merit but may result in some lost members. Consideration would need to be made for country members.
- + The stock of Model A Fords for potential restoration is rapidly declining and the possibility of finding a vehicle for restoration has become increasingly unlikely.
- + With "Model A" only relating to 1928–1931 Ford vehicles, there is no room to expand – some other motoring clubs increase their potential every year – because of the "post-vintage" era stipulations and also motorcycle clubs' rules.
- + The club could buy, stock and on-sell common Model A Ford parts for fund raising and a quick service for members.
- + All types of clubs are finding it increasingly difficult to find an insurer to provide Public Liability cover and to then pay the irrevocable increases in the premium (up 56% from \$480 to \$750 in just over a year in this case).
- + Financial projections show that, at current levels of membership and annual fees, the club's finances will dwindle by around 15% annually to leave a balance of around \$7,000 by 2006. This figure will be subject to unknown variances such as inflation and a constantly increasing Public Liability insurance premium. Currently it costs about \$16 per member, per year, to produce and post each newsletter (rising to \$22 per member including photocopy depreciation) – plus around \$9 per member per year for the Public Liability insurance premium ... hence the progressive "loss". As happened during the 1992 National Meet – advertising space could be sold in the club monthly newsletter to make it either partially, or totally, self-funding.
- + One easy, but effective, alternative way to reduce the club overheads would be to change the club newsletter from a monthly issue to bi-monthly. This would, of course, cut the annual production cost in half. The newsletter could also be reduced to just a flyer showing events.
- + Members could consolidate their stocks of "panels and parts" into a joint restoration project. This could involve all members in a practical project with the vehicle sold on completion and contributing members reimbursed for their parts, and the balance to club funds.
- + It may be that, eventually, the only option for survival will be to join with another substantial automotive club, such as the Veteran Car Club, or perhaps with another state Model A Club - or re-form the "Australian Model A Ford Club" combining ALL Australian state clubs.

With a gradually declining and aging membership and the financial 'cushion' reducing; the club needs to decide if the situation warrants attention at this stage and, if so, what steps can, or should, be taken to arrest the trend before it becomes a serious issue. Some may feel that it is a natural, irrevocable situation and this, and other, automobile clubs will eventually cease to exist anyway – be it in the next 5 or 10, or the next 50 years.

S. W. O. T. ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES	OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
The membership	No website	Membership drive	Insurance premiums rising
Monthly Newsletter	Locked in 1928/31 time frame	Self-funding newsletter	Declining membership
Member of CMC	Declining/aging membership	Bi-monthly Newsletter	Aging membership
Monthly Meeting format	Scarcity of restoration projects	Fund raising endeavours	Declining financial reserves
Financial for now		Club website with many links	
Camaraderie by members		Increase fees – last resort?	
Incorporated body		Pool restoration project/s	
Club library / club merchandise		Buy and on-sell Model A parts	
		Amalgamate with another club	
		Lift profile of the Club	

The above outline Business Plan was compiled with valued input from other members – particularly Steve Read and John Moorehead. As discussed at the January meeting – the President called for further input from all members.

Please forward your ideas and input to the Secretary.

Suggestions will be compiled and if agreed by a majority of members will be proposed as a motion to be put to the AGM.

**PICNIC IN THE PARK
25th January 2004**

Once again we had a great turn out for our annual picnic. The weather was very kind to us and at one stage the breeze was quite cold. Because of the pleasant area and weather, the Model As were scattered around the perimeter of the park not all together so it was hard to get an accurate count.

We had plenty of time for chatting and eating before we were addressed by one of the directors of Redline Motor Oils and his able assistant. Tim showed us a variety of products and gave us the lowdown on their suitability for moderns and Model As. Lindsay Blacklock & David Bussard scored a free peaked cap for the owners of the oldest and the fastest Model A.

The meeting was then held, with John Moorehead being secretary for the day, in the absence of John Hall. A very relaxing and informative day for our first get together for the year.

Louise

18th National Meet of the
Model A Ford Clubs of Australia
April 8th to 13th



Hosted by the
Model A Restorers Club of Western Australia

Model A Ford Clubs of Australia 18th Model A Ford National Meet

February, 2004

NEWS

Perth, Western Australia - Thursday 8th to Tuesday 13th April 2004

THE MEET IS VERY NEARLY HERE!!

ACCOMMODATION REMINDER

One of the highlights of our previous National Meet was to house entrants in one location; this was not possible for 2004. However, the club has made arrangements for competitive rates at the **Great Eastern Motor Lodge** and the **Flag Motel**, both within walking distance of each other and about a ten minute drive from Rally Headquarters. The motels may also be booked for those arriving early or staying on after the meet. They will also supply a secure parking area for our Model As, some of it undercover.

RALLY HEADQUARTERS - POT PLANTS

Bob Newton is seeking an array of pot plants to adorn the stage and surrounding areas at Rally Headquarters. He is after greenery about a meter high. Bob is also seeking part-time helpers for small, easy tasks around HQ, including unloading gear and setting up on the Wednesday.

MARSHALS

Please contact Max Annear if you can give him a hand on his "Coastal Run" on the Saturday and/or Monday.

HUBLEY RACES

Darren Jeffree is seeking a display cabinet in which to house the Hubley vehicles after they have been weighed and checked but cannot be touched until the race. Please contact Darren urgently if you know of something suitable.

SKITS

Have a talk to John Timmings if you can "do a turn" during the Meet. You certainly do not have to be "professional" – if fact, the more mistakes the more people will laugh WITH you. If you ARE professional at something – you'd STILL be most welcome.

THE YANKS ARE COMING

Thanks to David Bussard wading through a continuous sea of bureaucratic paperwork for over two years – some 31 Model A Fords are about to be shipping from around American to Australia to attend our Meet, making this a milestone event for a National Meet in Australia.

Remember, details, forms, newsletters, etc from our official web site: <http://drive.to/marcwa>.

- 2004 National Meet Committee -

Rally Director - RAY MAHONY. *Secretary* - TONI MAHONY
Treasurer - JOHN MOOREHEAD. *Concours Judging* - STEVE READ
Overseas Participants - DAVID BUSSARD. *Daily Tours* - ALAN JEFFREE
Meals – SHIRLEY HALL. *Presentation Dinner* - GERMAINE JEFFREE.
PETER SARTORI – PAT BUSSARD - MERV WARD - BEVAN SHARP

NOTEBOOK

BIRTHDAYS for FEBRUARY: Birthstone: Amethyst; Flower: Violet

Jack Berkshire, Lindsay Blacklock, Sylvia Bristow-Stagg, John Brown, Val Cowlin, Graeme Duncombe, Alan Duns, Tom Eastough, Peter Gilberthorpe, Ron Hilgert, Linda Kirkwood, Pat Laurie, Ian Paisley, Alan Smith, John Timmings, Betty White & Stephen Wigmore. Hope I didn't miss anyone this month. Happy Birthday!

NEW MEMBER:

Welcome to new member Maurie Turner, [REDACTED] Corrigin 6375. Ph: [REDACTED]
Maurie has a partly restored phaeton.
Please add these details to your members register.

AMERICAN JUDGING STANDARDS:

Both copies of the American Judging Standards are missing from the library.
If you have either copy please return to the club as we require them for the National Meet
I would appreciate a phone call from whoever has them. Thanks. Steve [REDACTED]

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Subs are now overdue. for those who have not paid please send your cheque/money order to John Hall, [REDACTED] Salter Point or bring your cash to the February meeting.
Only \$25 metro membership, \$20 country/interstate.
If you have decided to not renew, please contact John Ph: [REDACTED] via the above address or via email: [REDACTED]

BULB FUNDRAISER:

Last year our club raised over \$800 by selling/buying a range of bulbs which arrived just before Easter. The money went towards the 2004 Meet and was greatly appreciated by the committee. At the January meeting in Manners Hill Park, members indicated interest in once again raising money in this way for the club. I will organise it soon and keep you all informed of progress. We keep 48% of all money collected, so it is a lucrative procedure without a great deal of effort by anyone.

If you wish to participate in this fundraiser, I would appreciate hearing from you. I will contact those who did such a great job last year to seek continuing support. Thanks
Pat Bussard Ph: [REDACTED] email: [REDACTED]

FOR SALE:

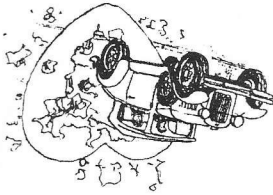
Citroen CX 2200 1977 20HP Sedan
Registration: SW 12782; Colour: Blue; Fuel: Petrol; Weight: 1300 kilograms
This car is totally original Contact: Elaine Gilberthorpe Ph: [REDACTED]

WANTED BY RAY MAHONY:

the name of the person with whom he was discussing the importing of tyres from Snyders.
Please phone Ray on [REDACTED]

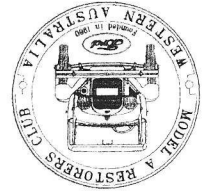
RAFFLE:

Don't forget those raffle tickets for the brake drums complete with studs & fixing tool are still available for just \$10 per ticket.



If undelivered, please return to:
Thornlie [REDACTED]
Western Australia, 6108

BUSSARD David & Pat
[REDACTED]
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LET'S UPDATE THE MODEL T!

Even by 1912, the Ford Model T was looking out-dated. Henry and Clara had been visiting Europe. In his absence, his Highland Park lieutenants produced a new, low-slung version in gleaming red, which they proudly showed to Henry on his return.

He walked around it three or four times and then, according to an eye-witness:

“It was a four-door job and the top was down. Finally he got to the left-hand side of the car that was facing me and he takes his hands out of his pockets, gets hold of the door, and bang! He ripped the door right off! God! How that man done it I don't know. He jumped in there, and bang goes the other door. Bang goes the windshield. He jumps over the back seat and starts pounding on the top. He rips the top with the heel of his shoe. He wrecked that car as much as he could.” *From 'Ford' by Robert Lacey* ♦

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